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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2002, the time for responding to which has been extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and fee, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 39, 41, 45, 49, 55 and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject-matter claimed therein.

Please amend the following claims:

1.[Four times Amended] A method for reducing the phenotypic expression of a nucleic acid of interest, which is normally capable of being expressed in a eucaryotic cell, comprising the step of introducing a chimeric DNA comprising the following operably linked parts:

- a) a promoter, operative in said eucaryotic cell;

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